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# JASPER REMANUFACTURING SITE RECERTIFIED IN SAFETY EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

**INDIANAPOLIS** (July 14, 2016) – Jasper Engines and Transmissions, of Leavenworth, Indiana, received recertification as a STAR participant in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) and continues to be recognized as an outstanding workplace for occupational safety and health programs.

"Achieving VPP STAR recertification is an incredible accomplishment," said Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. "Jasper Engines and Transmissions is responsible for the safety and health of nearly 1700 Hoosiers. Thanks to management and employee involvement, employees go home safe and sound every day."

In business since 1942, Jasper Engines and Transmissions employs 800 people who remanufacture drive train components, which are distributed through a network of 43 branch and distributor locations throughout the United States. The Leavenworth facility is one of the company's four production sites and one of three facilities certified as VPP participants.

Management and employees at the company show a commitment to safety and health standards with annual training and meetings, routine safety analysis, self-inspections, and more. The facility's total case incident rate three-year average is 2.4 percent below the industry average.

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### **About VPP:**

The Voluntary Protection Program provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in VPP is an achievement of status that will single employers out among their business peers as a model worksite for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

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